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SUBJECT: STAFFING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS

1. SUMMARY: DG EKLUND REQUESTED U.S. CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF, EVALUATION GROUP BE PROVIDED NOT LATER THAN MAY 31. HE ALSO INFORMED ME THAT CZECH AUTHORITIES PREPARED SUBSTITUTE KLIK AS NOMINEE FOR DIRECTOR, DIVISION OPERATIONS I IN SUBSTITUTION FOR BARABAS.

ACTION REQUESTED: NOMINATION U.S. CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF, EVALUATION GROUP NOT LATER THAN MAY 31 AND DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE RE ACCEPTABILITY OF KLIK AS DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF OPERATIONS I. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING MY CALL ON DG EKLUND MAY 24, I INQUIRED WHETHER IT WOULD MEET HIS REQUIREMENTS FOR FORMAL U.S. NOMINATION FOR FILLING POSITION CHIEF, EVALUATION GROUP SUBMITTED TO HIM BY JUNE 13. EKLUND INDICATED HIS STRONG DESIRE THAT U.S. NOMINEE BE MADE KNOWN TO HIM BEFORE END OF MAY AS HE MOST ANXIOUS IMPLEMENT FINAL PHASE OF REORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT

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OF SAFEGUARDS BY JUNE 1.

3. DG EKLUND SAID THAT HE HOPED THE AGENCY COULD RECRUIT A QUALIFIEE U.S. NOMINEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS HE WAS VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT SETTLED PRIOR TO THE JUNE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING.

4. I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH FRANK HOUCK MAY 25
THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS CANDIDACY AND HE HAS REACHED
CONCLUSION THAT HE COULD NOT BE CANDIDATE BECAUSE
OF PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS.

5. AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH HOUCK AND WITHIN

MISSION, BEST CANDIDATE I CAN THINK OF WOULD BE HERBERT
KOUTS AT BNL. IF AMBASSADOR TAPE AGREES, SUGGEST
HE CONTACT KOUTS DIRECTLY TO DETERMINE HIS AVAILABILITY.

6. I REMINDED DR. EKLUND THAT DURING OUR PREVIOUS
MEETING HE INFORMED ME HE WAS HOPING TO EXPLORE WITH
THE CZECH AUTHORITIES THE POSSIBLE NOMINATION OF BERANEK
RATHER THAN BARBAS FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR,
DIVISION OF OPERATIONS I. HE HAD SUBSEQUENTLY
INFORMED ME THAT THE CZECH AUTHORITIES WHOM HE APPROACHED
SEEMED PREPARED TO CONSIDER SUCH A CHANGE BUT THAT HE
THEN WISHED TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR
EROFEEV. I INQUIRED WHETHER HE HAD DISCUSSED
THE SUGGESTION WITH EROFEEV.

7. DR. EKLUND SAID HE HAD INDEED RAISED THE MATTER
WITH EROFEEV AND HAD RECEIVED A TOTALLY NEGATIVE
REACTION. EROFEEV ALLEGED THAT HE COULD
NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE DG WOULD MAKE SUCH A SUGGESTION.
EKLUND SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A RESPONSE, HOWEVER,
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FROM THE CZECH AUTHORITIES INDICATING THAT PRAGUE
WOULD BE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW THE BARABAS NOMINATION
IN FAVOR OF KLIK WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS A
MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS. DR. EKLUND
ASKED ME TO OBTAIN WASHINGTON'S APPRAISAL OF KLIK AND
WHETHER IN OUR VIEW HE WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE
CANDIDATE.

8. MISSION APPRAISAL OF KLIK IS THAT HE WAS ON THE

IAEA SAFEGUARDS STAFF FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND PARTICIPATED
AS THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESENTATIVE IN THE IAEA ADVISORY
GROUP MEETINGS ON STATE SYSTEMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY
AND CONTROL OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL (SSAC) IN TOKYO IN
NOVEMBER 1973 AND BRNO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA
IN JULY 1975. HE PRESENTED A PAPER AT THE LATTER MEETING
ENTITLED "REQUIREMENTS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SYSTEM OF
ACCOUNTING FOR AND CONTROL OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL TO

SATISFY THE STATES' OBJECTIVES". HE WAS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE IAEA'S ADVISORY GROUP MEETING ON SSAC TRAINING IN MARCH 1976. IN THE MEMORY OF SEVERAL U.S. INDIVIDUALS HERE HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY FRIENDLY AND OPEN WITH U.S. SAFEGUARDS PEOPLE. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL. HE IS NOT PARTICULARLY FORCEFUL OR DYNAMIC BUT IS RATHER LOW-KEY. HE HAS ALWAYS APPEARED TO BE IN FAVOR OF EFFECTIVE IAEA SAFEGUARDS.

9. PRESUME DEPARTMENT PREFERENCE FOR STAFFING OF POSITION OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF OPERATIONS I WOULD BE IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: (I) THORSTENSEN; (II) BERANEK; (III) KLIK; (IV) BARABAS. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) FORMAL NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR POSITION CHIEF, EVALUATION GROUP PRIOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO JUNE 1. (2) DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE RE KLIK BY MAY 27 SO THAT I CAN INFORM DR. EKLUND AS REQUESTED IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN FROM SOUTH AFRICA MORNING MAY 28. STONE

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